

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2005/06BUDGET

AGENCY 40 SENIOR CITIZENS DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The mission of the Senior Citizens Department is to serve as an advocate through planning and research while monitoring and coordinating departments to provide direct and indirect service to our seniors. This will help ensure that the senior citizens population of our community is better able to attain and/or maintain lifelong dignity and independence.

DESCRIPTION

By ordinance, the Mayor's Senior Citizens Commission serves as an advisory council to the Department. The Department's primary role is to facilitate the delivery of services and information to ensure the best possible quality of life for Detroit's older citizens. Departmental staff plan and conduct forums, workshops, programs and activities regarding issues of importance to seniors. Long-term strategies for improving the quality of life are developed and implemented by the department or through private or public collaborations.

The Department operates a telephone information and outreach service, sponsors a variety of educational forums and special events, develops reports on housing, health services, transportation and other concerns of senior citizens. Public/private collaborations, advocacy and service coordination are provided through a senior citizens action network.

GOALS

1. Advocate federal, state and local policies and partnerships that will maximize the health, safety and welfare of Detroit's elderly citizens.
2. Conduct community outreach activities to effectively ascertain unmet needs and to inform and educate the elderly of programs, policies and legislation affecting existing and future entitlements, benefits and services.
3. Maximize Department resources for focused delivery of high quality, effective and cost efficient services.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>GENERAL GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$1,184,049	\$200,000	\$1,384,049
REVENUES	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
NET TAX COST	\$ 984,049	\$ 0	\$ 984,049
POSITIONS	7	2	9